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**SUBJECT: RAID ON REFUGEE CAMPS INSIDE PAKISTAN BY  
HELICOPTER GUNSHIPS FROM AFGHANISTAN**

**REF: A) ISLAMABAD 10906; B) ISLAMABAD 11095**

**1. (C - ENTIRE TEXT)**

**2. IN THE ABSENCE OF ANY OFFICIAL PAKISTANI STATEMENT  
OR PROTEST WITH REGARD TO THE OCTOBER 24 RAID, WE ARE  
FOR THE TIME BEING NOT OFFERING PUBLIC COMMENT OF OUR  
OWN. ON AN IF ASKED BASIS, HOWEVER, THE DEPARTMENT  
SPOKESMAN IS ARMED WITH THE FOLLOWING GUIDANCE:**

**QUESTION: WHAT DO YOU HAVE ON THE REPORTED HELICOPTER  
ATTACKS ON AFGHAN REFUGEE CAMPS IN PAKISTAN?**

**ANSWER: ACCORDING TO STILL FRAGMENTARY INFORMATION  
WHICH WE HAVE RECEIVED, THE HELICOPTER GUNSHIPS, OPERATING  
OUT OF AFGHANISTAN, ON OCTOBER 24 ATTACKED AT LEAST TWO  
SEPARATE LOCATIONS-- A REFUGEE CAMP ABOUT FOUR MILES  
FROM THE BORDER AND ONE ABOUT 9-10 MILES FROM THE BORDER.**

**THIS WAS IN A REMOTE AREA SOUTH OF PESHAWAR. THE  
HELICOPTERS STRAFED THE CAMPS WITH MACHINE GUN FIRE.  
THERE ARE CONFLICTING REPORTS CONCERNING CASUALTIES.**

**QUESTION: WERE THE HELICOPTERS SOVIET OR AFGHAN?**  
**ANSWER:**

**-- WHILE THE IDENTITY OF THE PILOTS IS UNKNOWN,  
THERE IS A STRONG PRESUMPTION THAT THEY WERE SOVIETS,  
GIVEN THE MINIMAL AND DECREASING ROLE INDIGENOUS AFGHAN  
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**MILITARY FORCES ARE PLAYING IN THE AFGHAN CONFLICT.  
-- SINCE THE SOVIET MILITARY HAS COMPLETE CONTROL  
OVER MILITARY OPERATIONS IN AFGHANISTAN, THE SOVIET  
UNION MUST BE HELD FULLY RESPONSIBLE FOR THIS ATTACK.**

**QUESTION: WHAT IS THE UNITED STATES DOING ABOUT THIS?  
HAVE YOU WARNED THE SOVIETS IN ANY WAY?**

**ANSWER:  
-- WE ARE DRAWING PUBLIC ATTENTION TO THIS OUTRAGEOUS  
ATTACK ON INNOCENT NON-COMBATANTS.  
-- WE ARE IN TOUCH WITH THE PAKISTAN GOVERNMENT.**

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-- THE SOVIET UNION IS WELL AWARE OF OUR CONCERN OVER THE SECURITY OF PAKISTAN AND, SPECIFICALLY, ABOUT THE POSSIBILITY OF THE AFGHAN CONFLICT SPILLING ACROSS THE AFGHAN-PAKISTAN BORDER.

-- (IF PRESSED) WE HAVE NOT RAISED THIS SPECIFIC INCIDENT WITH THE SOVIETS.

3. FOR USUN: PLEASE CONTACT PERHREP NAIK TO ASK WHETHER THE GOP INTENDS TO CIRCULATE A PROTEST OVER THE RAID TO THE SECURITY COUNCIL OR THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OR WHETHER OTHER ACTION IN NEW YORK IS UNDER CONSIDERATION. INDICATE WE BELIEVE THAT DESPITE THE COUNCIL'S PREOCCUPATION WITH IRAN-IRAQ WAR, SOME FORMAL NOTIFICATION OF THE RAID, SUCH AS THROUGH A LETTER TO THE SC PRESIDENT CIRCULATED TO THE COUNCIL AND GA MEMBERS WOULD BE USEFUL WAY OF FOCUSING ATTENTION ON AN ISSUE IN WHICH BOTH COUNCIL AND GA HAVE BEEN INVOLVED.

4. FOR GENEVA: IN VIEW OF THE POSSIBILITY THAT THE GOP MAY BE HOPING THAT THE UNHCR WILL MAKE ITS OWN PROTEST IN KABUL OR MOSCOW (REF A), PLEASE CONSULT WITH UNHCR COMMISSIONER HARTLING. YOU ARE AUTHORIZED TO URGE HARTLING TO PROTEST THE RAID TO THE SOVIET MISSION IN GENEVA OR OTHERWISE EXPRESS GRAVE CONCERN OVER THE MILITARY ATTACK ON CIVILIAN REFUGEES. YOU  
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SHOULD MENTION THE CONCERN OF THE US, AS A MAJOR SUPPORTER OF AND CONTRIBUTOR TO THE REFUGEE EFFORT, OVER THIS SERIOUS INCIDENT. CHRISTOPHER

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